

***DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***  
***REGULAR BOARD MEETING***  
**Monday, March 28, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wender at 6:30 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.
3. Roll Call was taken by County Clerk Dolly Cook and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Wender, Vice Chairman Smith and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Martin and Stevens (5)

Absent: (0)

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Chief Assistant Prosecutor Carl Downing, Sheriff Scott Celello, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following additions:

7.M Parks

1. Accept the proposal of Morin Excavating, Inc. For the Stromberg Park Camp Road in the amount of \$5,990.

2. Authorize the Park Manager to solicit quotes for hauling leaves from Lake Antoine Park.

7.N Airport Committee

1. Accept the bid of St. George Glass in the amount of \$4,765 for renovations to the holding area in the Ford Airport Terminal.

2. Accept the Alternate Bid #1 from St. George Glass to replace the existing accordion gate with a narrow style door in the amount of \$1,800.

7.R Employee Relations

1. Authorize the Clerk to fill a full-time department assistant vacancy in the Clerk's Office.

10. New Business:

1. Set a date for a public hearing relative to increasing the number of Road Commissioners from 3 to 5. Public Hearing must be set at least 28 days from the date the notice is published. Authorize the Controller to notify the Road Commission of this action and also to notify all townships.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the following meeting minutes:

Regular Meeting - 3/14/11

Special Meeting - 3/17/11

Finance Meeting - 3/17/11

Degenauer Jr., Smith, Stevens, Wender Ayes, Martin Abstained on the Regular Meeting of 3/14/2011 because she was not present.

Degenauer Jr., Martin, Stevens, Wender Ayes, Smith abstained because he was not present at the Special and Finance meeting of 3/17/2011.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Joe Wender, Megan Bashaw, Katie Rulh, Tyler Alto, Evan Kleikamp, Tyrone McCoe, Robert Schultz, Kim Beyers, Andy Ahrendts, Rikki Gingrass, Marissa Pickett, Mario Jayne, Alexis Truscott, Gabe LaFave, Ryan Gauthier, Trevor Bujold, Justin Kleiber, Danielle

Flannery and Vincent Druschke.

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time and there was no participation.

B. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Stevens - None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** - Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr.

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the Chairman to sign an Application for Federal Assistance to procure partial funding through the USDA for the purchase of a police vehicle. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to to authorize the County Controller to accept a one year complimentary membership to the National Association of Counties. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated he would like any renewal in the future to be discussed with the Board.

B. **A-95 Review** - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

C. **Crystal Lake Center/YMCA** - Commissioner Frank Smith

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize payment to Valley Mechanical, Inc in the amount of \$19,272.98 for Phase 2 mechanical systems renovations at the Crystal Lake Center. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye

Smith Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye Motion Carried.

Commissioner Smith stated Marc Bloomquist recommends payment of this invoice.

Commissioner Stevens stated there is \$60,000 left of this money for the year.

D. **Six County Employment Alliance** - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report

E. **Planning and Zoning Committee** - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Consider a request from CUPPAD to subscribe to the Munetrix Municipal Metrics system. (The total cost to CUPPAD would be approximately \$35,000 but it is anticipated that Counties and municipalities would share in the cost.) Commissioner Stevens stated it is too soon to make a decision and we should ask auditors and watch carefully. Pascoe explained how the program would work. She stated she was not sure if this information is duplicating information from treasury.

2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - 2/24/11

3. Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes - 2/15/11

F. **DHS/Dickinson-Iron Health Department** - Commissioner Smith

1. Board of Health Meeting Minutes - 2/23/11

G. **Community Services Agency** - Commissioner Smith - No Report

H. **Northpointe** - Commissioner Ann Martin

Commissioner Martin stated Dave Schultz passed away.

I. **Pinecrest** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

J. **Equalization Committee** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling-** Commissioner Smith - No Report

L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** - Commissioner Henry Wender - No Report

**M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens**

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the bid of Morin Excavating in the amount of \$5,990.00 for the construction of a camp road and campsites at Stromberg Park. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Smith Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Martin Aye Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens read the bids as follows: Morin Excavating - \$5,990, Carey Logging - \$6,915, Randville Trucking - \$7,900, Butch Neuens - \$8,435, Carlson Bulldozing - \$8,560, Midwest Gravel, Inc., - \$8,970, DC Road Commission - \$13,740, Advantage Excavating, Inc. - \$14,000, and Butterfield Yard Services - \$18,980.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the request from Habitat for Humanity for a 50% reduction in camping fees for two Care-a-vanner groups at Lake Antoine County Park. The groups would be at the park from July 10 - 22 and August 7-19. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Martin Aye

Smith Aye Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to authorize the Park Manager to solicit quotes for hauling leaves from Lake Antoine Park. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Henry Wender**

2. Note the e-mail from the station manager at Ford Airport detailing the number of boardings through March 14<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Wender read from the e-mail as follows: As of March 14 2011 - 444 passengers boarded in Iron Mountain as compared to 223 in 2010. He explained this is a 50% increase.

3. Accept the bid of St George Glass in the amount of \$5,333 for terminal renovations needed to accommodate the new TSA scanner. This amount was deducted by \$1232.00 to remove the doors ourselves. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Martin Aye

Smith Aye Motion Carried.

**O. Fair Board - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.**

1. Fair Board Meeting Minutes - 6/15/10,7/06/10,9/28/10,10/26/10, 12/07/10,1/14/11,2/01/11

Chairman Wender asked Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to make sure they get the minutes to us in a timely manner. He also asked for a break down of the finances for the fair.

**P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin**

1. Library Board Meeting Minutes - 3/08/11

**Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report**

**R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Frank Smith**

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Clerk to fill a full-time department assistant vacancy in the Clerk's Office. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Wender Aye

Stevens` Aye

Smith                      Nay  
Martin                     Nay

Degenauer Jr.   Aye                      Motion Carried.

Commissioner Martin stated she will be voting no. She stated we can not back track but on principal she is opposing this. She stated whenever there is a retirement in government you should look long and hard at replacing them and it is an opportune time to look at staffing levels. She stated there was a chain of events that occurred authorizing to fill this position and give us no change in the number of employees.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated we are not advertising for the part-time position, we are advertising for a position that is transferring out of that office.

Commissioner Wender explained an employee from the Clerk's Office is filling the Probate position and we are now advertising to fill the position open in the Clerk's Office. Commissioner Stevens explained she has already lost a part-time position and if we don't fill this she will lose a full and a part time person or 1 ½ people. He stated that if we cut this position, the County Clerk would have to give up passports and that would almost pay for that position. Commissioner Smith stated they made a big mistake in giving the ½ time person to Probate and Commissioner Martin agreed. She stated the \$17,000 in passports does not equal out to the salary of an employee with benefits.

Commissioner Stevens stated that passports is a community service. He stated we do service to the community. He stated if the productivity was down, then get rid of someone. But that is not the case. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated they would be following the collections of this part time employee to make sure it was productive and if not, the job will be gone. He stated we made a commitment to him. Commissioner Wender explained Judge Slagle sold the Board on this position because he could collect enough in fines to pay for this position. He stated we are a little late to change our minds.

**S.      Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report**

**T.      Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Henry Wender**

2.      Road Commission Regular Meeting Minutes - 3/09/11

3.      Road Commission Special Meeting Minutes - 3/17/11

**U.      Construction Code Commission - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report**

**V      Bay West Advisory Committee - Ann Martin - No Report**

8.      Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person):

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

9.      **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens

Make the following appointments:

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens to nominate the following names for appointment for one three-year term to expire 4/30/14 to the Dickinson County Jury Board: Jayna Ashbacher and Barbara Oliver. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.   Oliver

Martin           Oliver

Smith            Oliver

Stevens         Oliver

Wender          Oliver

Barb Oliver was appointed to the Dickinson County Jury Board term to expire 4/30/2014

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to appoint Jeff Iverson to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - One three-year term to expire 5/13/14 All Ayes, Motion Carried (There was only one applicant.)

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to appoint Christine Spence to Northpointe Behavioral Healthcare Systems - One three-year term to expire 3/31/14. All Ayes, Motion Carried. (There was only one applicant.)

4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens to nominate the following applicants for the Dickinson County Road Commission - One three-year term to expire 4/30/14: Jayna Ashbacher, and Ron Milbrath. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr. Milbrath  
Martin Milbrath  
Smith Milbrath  
Stevens` Milbrath  
Wender Milbrath Motion Carried

Ron Milbrath was appointed to the Road Commission for a three year term to expire 4/30/2014.

5.Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to appoint Larry Rusch to the Dickinson County Planning Commission - One three-year term to expire 2/28/14. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr. Nay  
Martin Aye  
Smith Nay  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Nay

Larry Rusch was not appointed to the Dickinson County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Smith stated he only received a one sentence request to be on the Planning Commission. He asked if there was a resume? Pascoe stated that is all we received.

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to hold a public hearing on May 9, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. relative to increasing the number of Road Commissioners from 3 to 5. Public Hearing must be set at least 28 days from the date the notice is published. Authorize the Controller to notify the Road Commission of this action and also to notify all townships. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Wender stated now would be a good time to do this with all the retirement changes that are happening. He stated it would be good to get input from all the townships also. Commissioner Smith stated some guidance should be given on how we are going to do this. He stated it could be done by district or by county board appointment and should there be per diem or milage and they may have policy already on this. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he would like someone who has road construction experience. Commissioner Wender stated a financial background would be beneficial.

11. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Smith to accept Committee Reports and Correspondence and Place on File. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Controller's Report.

Controller Pascoe stated she was in contact with McBroom's Office about the Quit Claim Deed from the State to the Crystal Lake Community Center hopefully later to the YMCA. She stated they are working on the wording.

13 Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated the U.P. Fair Board will recognize all counties at the U.P. Fair. He asked if we had a Dickinson County Flag? We do not. He stated they will also have a street sign with all county names on it. He stated they will make a flag if we don't. Commissioner Stevens stated we could have had a contest in the Art Department of the schools, but there isn't enough time.

Commissioner Wender asked about the PA system for the Courtroom? Pasco stated a local vendor will give a quote and Ninomiya had some questions.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:24 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk



